

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

APR 28 2006

**Attorney Docket No. 5000.301
Confirmation No. 6091**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: *Malta et al.*
Serial No. 10/628,189
Filed: July 28, 2003
For: Growth of Ultra-High Purity Silicon
Carbide Crystals in an Ambient Containing
Hydrogen

Group Art Unit 1722

April 28, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2005, in the above-referenced application.

A listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13.

THE REMAINDER OF THIS PAGE IS INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK